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DATEBOOK

1. Nov 1, Sat, PNKF Taikai meeting.
2. Nov 1, Sat, AUSKF Board meeting and Kodansha Shinsa, San Jose, CA.
3. Nov 8, Sat, PNKF Taikai, 9:30 a.m., Renton, 1715 Maple Valley Highway.
4. Nov 9, Sun, SCKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa, 1:00 p.m., Norwalk, CA. For details please call Bob Simmons (909) 340-5542.
5. Nov 15, Sat, Midwest Kendo Federation Taikai, at Michigan State Univ. For details please email Ron Fox <fox@foxsun.nsc.lmsu.edu>.
6. Dec 6, Sat, PNKF Board meeting, 11 a.m., home of Vicki Marsten.
7. Jan 17, Sat, PNKF Board meeting, 11 a.m., home of Vicki Marsten.
8. Jan 24, Sat, Vancouver Taikai (assumed date).
9. Feb 14, Sat, Steveston Taikai.
10. Feb 28, Sat, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa.
11. Mar 1, Sun, PNKF Kendo Shinsa.
12. Mar 21, Sat, Highline Mudansha Taikai, with PNKF Board meeting prior to the Taikai.
13. Apr 11, Sat, PNKF Board meeting, 11 a.m., home of Vicki Marsten.
14. Apr 18, Sat, UW Taikai.
15. Apr 24,25,26, Fri, Sat, Sun, Cherry Blossom Festival.
16. May 3, Sun, Bellevue Youth Taikai and PNKF Board meeting.
17. June 27, Sat, PNKF Board meeting, 11 a.m. home of Vicki Marsten.
18. Aug 8, Sat, PNKF Iaido Seminar and Shinsa.
19. Aug 9, Sun, PNKF Kendo Shinsa.
20. Nov 14, Sat, PNKF Taikai.
21. Dec 5, Renton Taikai, 2nd Dan and Below.

FROM THE PNKF BOARD

PNKF ELECTIONS FOR 1997/98. At their October 11 meeting, the PNKF Board of Directors elected new officers: President - Vicki Marsten; Vice President - Curtis Marsten; Treasurer - David S. Yotsuuye; Secretary of Internal Affairs - Judith Mack; and Recording Secretary - Thomas Bolling.

The other 1997/1998 PNKF Directors are: Dick Anderson, Bellevue; Rory Elliott, Highline; Mateo Gapasin, Renton; John Hancock, Obukan; Daryl Imanishi, Seattle; and Neil Sunderland, UW.

Jeffrey Marsten of Bellevue/Highline and Kiyoshi Yasui of Seattle continue as Advisors.

AUSKF INSURANCE. For many years we have all wished for a good insurance policy to cover Kendo practices and events. It was a real challenge. Fortunately now, the AUSKF has obtained a national insurance policy which covers all the regional Federations and their members. This policy covers our Tournaments, Seminars and our Clubs. The cost is \$10.80 a year per person based on the census count that was turned in for the current year. A biennial audit will be done to adjust up or down the census count. As we all have people coming and going it is based on the general number of individuals and not specific names. It is a \$1 million

non-aggregate which means there is no cap for the event but pays for each occurrence. It also contains a \$25,000 medical expense per each participant. It covers athletic activities relating to martial arts operated and supervised by the insured. This makes it a group policy for everyone in the AUSKF.

KIKUYO KAWASAKI RETURNS TO JAPAN

The current women's champion of the PNKF, Vancouver, Steveston and UW Taikai went back home to Japan on October 8. Kikuyo Kawasaki, who was studying ESL in Vancouver BC and participating in Renbu Dojo there, visited Seattle several times and practiced in many PNKF Dojo since winning last year's PNKF Taikai. She was also invited to Southern California by the Women's Kendo Association, and she attended this summer's AUSKF Iaido and Kendo Seminars in Colorado Springs. Kiku felt very uncomfortable being called teacher, and out of respect for that we will not put the word Sensei behind her name here, but many of us know we have learned valuable insights into our Kendo from her, and certainly been greatly inspired by experiencing her exemplary Kendo. She had originally hoped to stay and win this year's upcoming PNKF Taikai again, but she was requested to come home early to help shinpan in a local Taikai in Chiba-ken. Shortly before going back she was thrilled when the news came that her teacher, Mayumi Otsuka, had won the All-Japan Championship on September 7. Kiku's teacher is the same Otsuka Sensei who scored the winning point for the Japan B Team at the 10WKC in March. That's the lineage of Tokai Daigaku Kendo we glimpsed for the wonderful year that Kikuyo Kawasaki was here. Thank you very much, Kiku, and please come back again!

WOMEN'S KENDO ASSOCIATION NEWS

News for book lovers! The Women's Kendo Association is now an Amazon.com Books Associate site. See the "books" link on the WKA home page: <http://www.alumni.caltech.edu/~jkodama/wka>. Amazon.com Books is a well-known Internet retailer. If you buy a book via the WKA site, the WKA will receive a small percentage of the proceeds. You pay the same, discounted price as if you had ordered directly from Amazon. Example: Kendo: The Definitive Guide by Hiroshi Ozawa, Kodansha, 1997. List price: \$35.00 ~ Amazon Price: \$24.50 You Save: \$10.50 (30%) Standard shipping and handling: \$0.95 handling for each book \$3.00 per shipment.

KENDO, IAIDO AND JODO VIDEOS, AND AUSKF PATCHES

The four superb and indispensable official English language videotapes of the All Japan Kendo Federation basic Kendo training, Kendo Kata, Iaido, and Jodo continue to be available.

The full color cloth embroidery AUSKF patches are available as well.

Kendo Basics, \$11. Shinpan Rules \$11. Kendo Kata, Iaido, Jodo \$8 each. Shipping \$3 minimum. Patches \$10. Checks payable to Highline Kendo Club to Jeffrey Marsten, 616 SW 135th St., Seattle WA 98146.

All proceeds from videos and patches go to support the AUSKF.

THE LAST WORD

To get past the first stage of Kendo when everything seems difficult, and then possibly to become really good at it, you need commitment. To achieve something big, you have to stake your whole life on it. It requires a large-scale personality, the mentality embodied in the saying "One road leads to ten thousand accomplishments."

--Hiroshi Ozawa, KENDO: THE DEFINITIVE GUIDE.

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